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SUBJECT: GOI INTEREST IN 747 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

1. DURING AUDIENCE DEC 21, SHAH TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT IRAN WAS CONTINUING TO TRY TO WORK OUT SOME SORT OF ARRANGEMENT TO ASSIST PAN AMERICAN. MAHDI SAMII WAS STILL IN US WORKING ON PROBLEM.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, SHAH SAID HE HAD DECIDED AGAINST ACQUIRING C-5 AIRCRAFT. HE THOUGHT IRAN WOULD NOT NEED TO TRANSPORT TANKS BY AIR. IF NECESSARY IN FUTURE, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE TANKS ACROSS PERSIAN GULF VIA SHIP TRANSPORT. HOWEVER, IRAN DID HAVE A NEED FOR FREIGHT AIRCRAFT TO CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT BEING ORDERED FROM ABROAD. CONSEQUENTLY, IRAN WAS CONSIDERING PURCHASE OF 747'S, BUT HAD NOT DECIDED WHETHER AIRCRAFT WOULD BE ACQUIRED FROM BOEING OR PAN AMERICAN.

3. SHAH UNDERSTOOD PAN AMERICAN CURRENTLY HAD TWENTY-FIVE 747'S DEADLINED. IRAN MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING 15 OF THESE. SHAH INDICATED THAT BUYING USED 747'S FROM PAN AM WOULD BE FAR CHEAPER THAN ACQUIRING NEW C-5'S FROM LOCKHEED.

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